



# **Creating a World Without Alzheimer's Disease**

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# What is Alzheimer's Disease?

A progressive type of dementia that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior. Alzheimer's is a disease and as such is:

- Not a normal part of aging
- The most common form of dementia, accounting for up to 80% of dementia cases
- A progressive fatal disease
- Cannot currently be prevented, slowed or cured



# The Facts About Alzheimer's

**5.4**  
Million

*Americans living with  
Alzheimer's disease*

**15.5**  
Million

*caregivers of individuals with  
Alzheimer's disease*

**1 in 9 Americans**

**85**

**Age 65 and Over**

**Don't Know**

## THE FACTS: ALZHEIMER'S IS AN EPIDEMIC IN AMERICA



THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY  
**500,000**  
PEOPLE DYING

each year because they have  
Alzheimer's disease.



Alzheimer's is the only cause of death  
among the top 10 in America that  
**CANNOT BE PREVENTED,  
CURED OR EVEN SLOWED.**



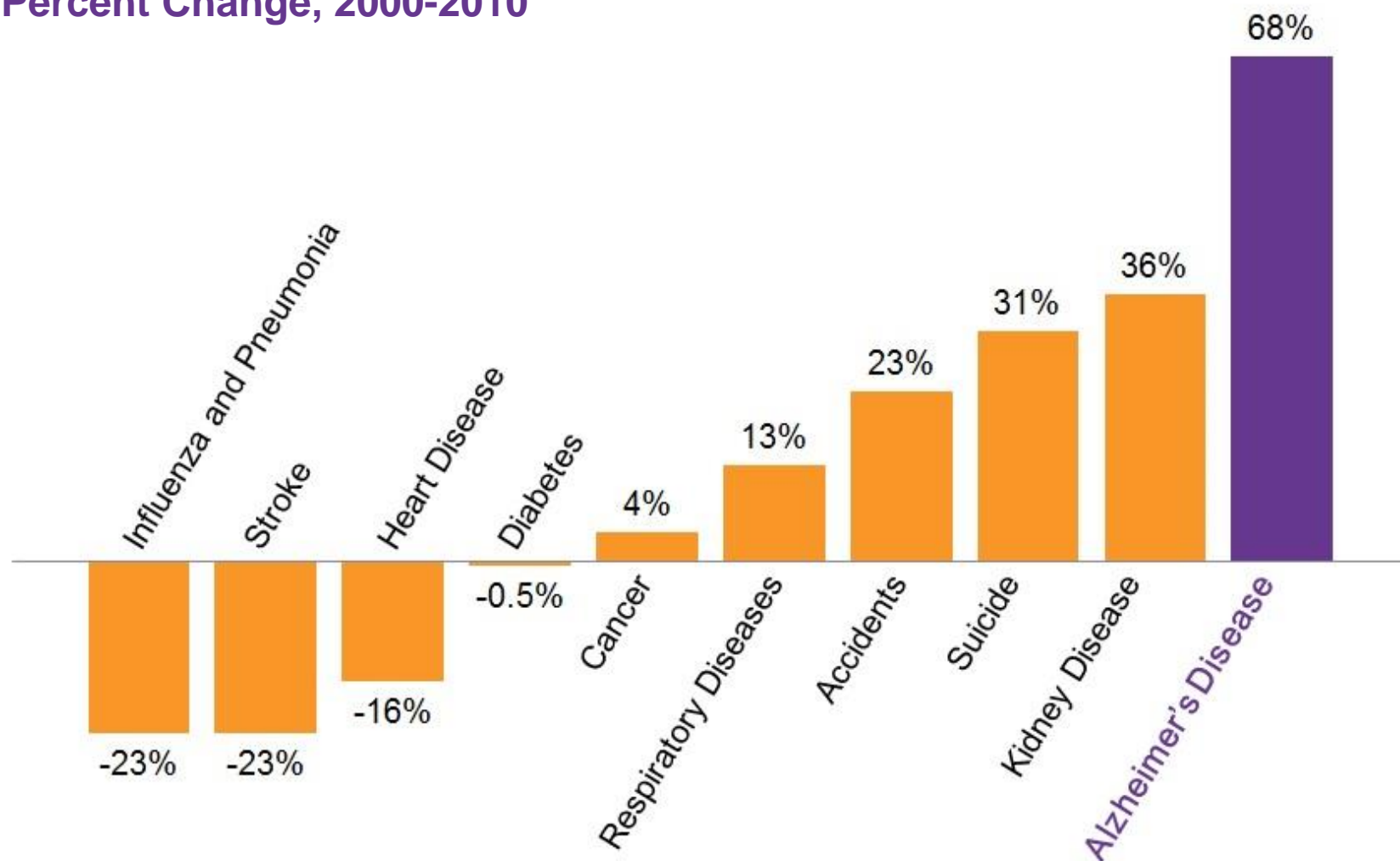
1 in 3 Seniors  
**DIES WITH ALZHEIMER'S**  
or another dementia.

**17.7 BILLION**

In 2013, 15.5 million caregivers  
provided an estimated  
**17.7 BILLION HOURS**  
of unpaid care valued at more  
than \$220 billion.

# Top Ten Causes of Death

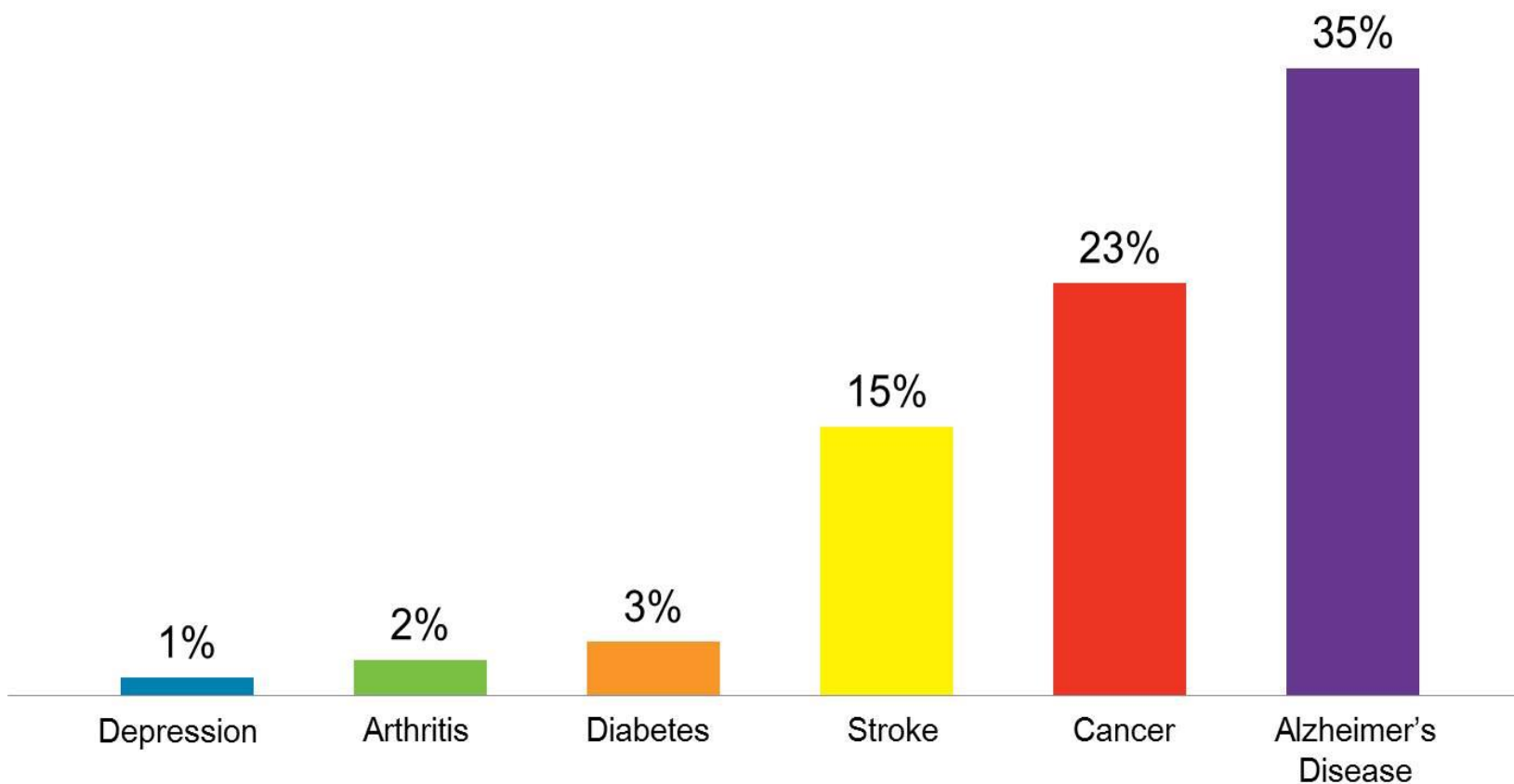
Percent Change, 2000-2010



Source: 2010 National Center for Health Statistics

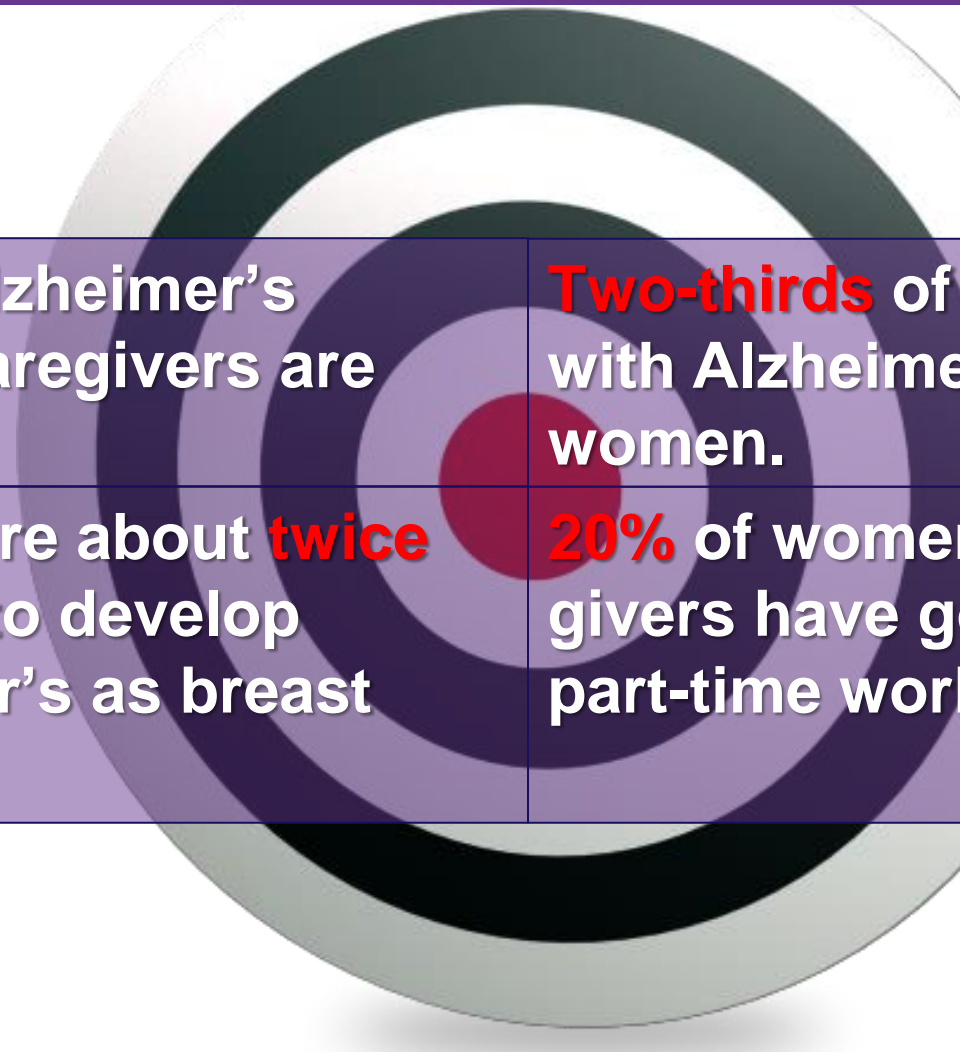
# Most Feared Disease

Condition Those Aged 60 and Older are Most Afraid of Getting



Source: 2014 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures

# WOMEN ARE AT THE EPICENTER OF ALZHEIMER'S



**63%** of Alzheimer's patient caregivers are women.

Women are about **twice as likely** to develop Alzheimer's as breast cancer.

**Two-thirds** of people with Alzheimer's are women.

**20%** of women caregivers have gone to part-time work.

Source: 2014 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures



# Significant Financial Impact on Society

**\$217  
Billion**

*in costs to American society of  
caring for individuals with  
Alzheimer's disease*



The NEW ENGLAND  
JOURNAL of MEDICINE

**“the most expensive malady in the U.S.”**  
*--Associated Press*

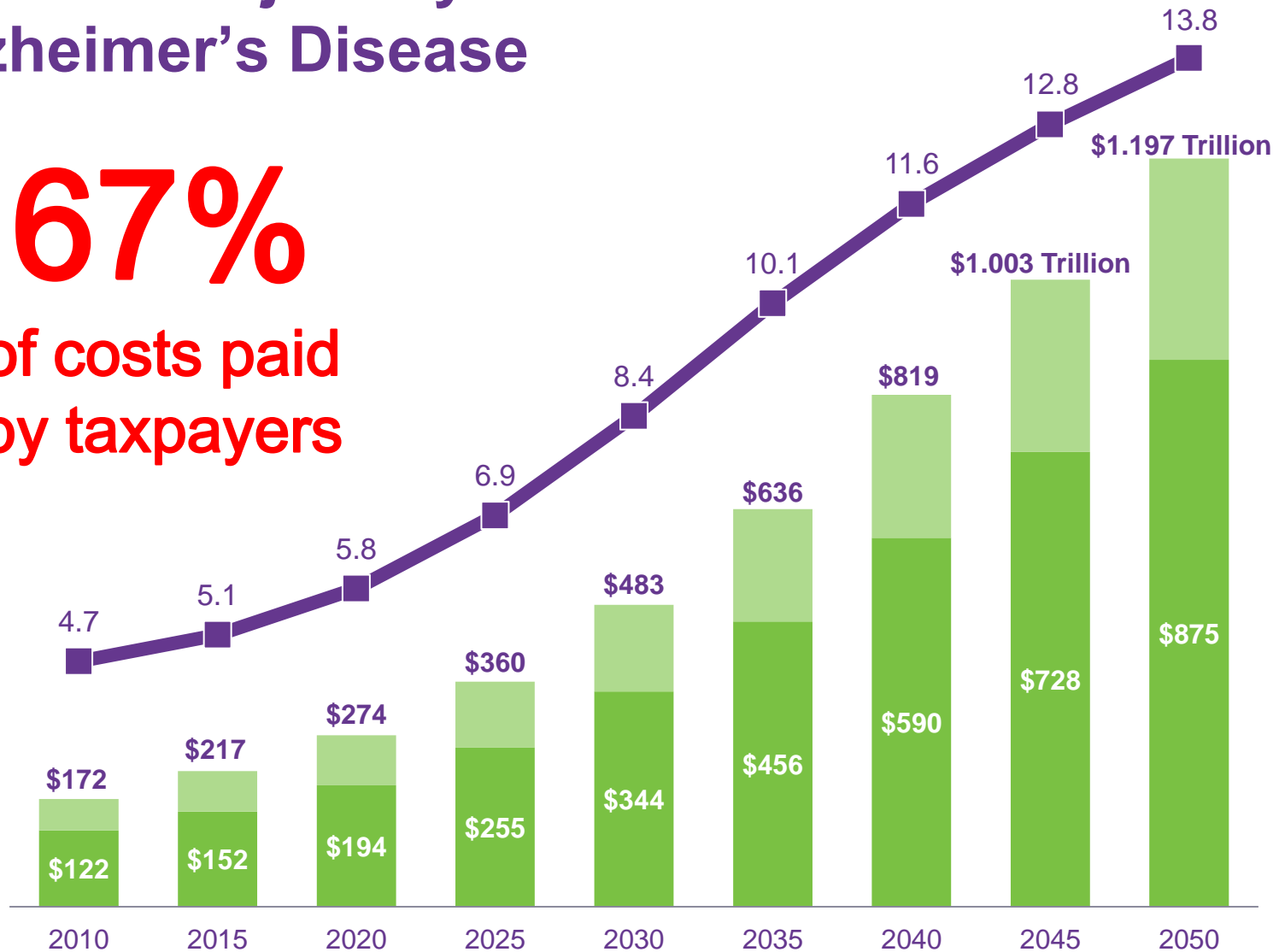
**“exceeding that for heart disease and  
cancer”**  
*--Bloomberg News*

**“skyrocketing at a rate that rarely  
occurs with a chronic disease”**  
*--New York Times*



# Current Trajectory of Alzheimer's Disease

**67%**  
of costs paid  
by taxpayers



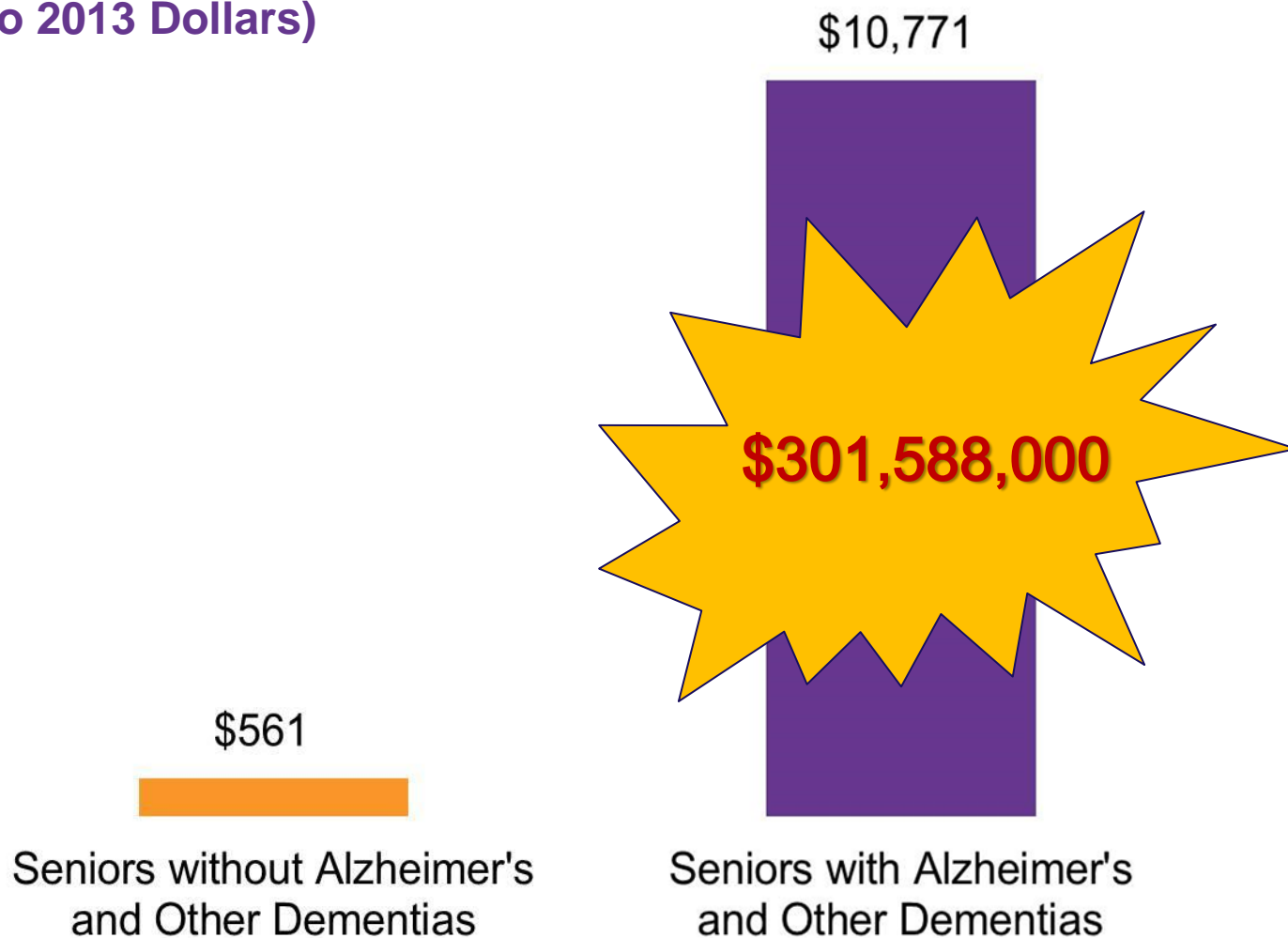


## UTAH BY THE NUMBERS

- ★ 28,000 = 10% of senior population
- ★ 25% by 2025 = 127% increase
- ★ Utah is #1
- ★ \$122 million / \$85 million from taxpayers
- ★ 140,000 caregivers = 159 million hours
- ★ \$1.98 billion value of unpaid care
- ★ \$1.5 billion in lost productivity

# Costs to Medicaid

Average Per Senior Medicaid Payments 2008  
(Inflated to 2013 Dollars)

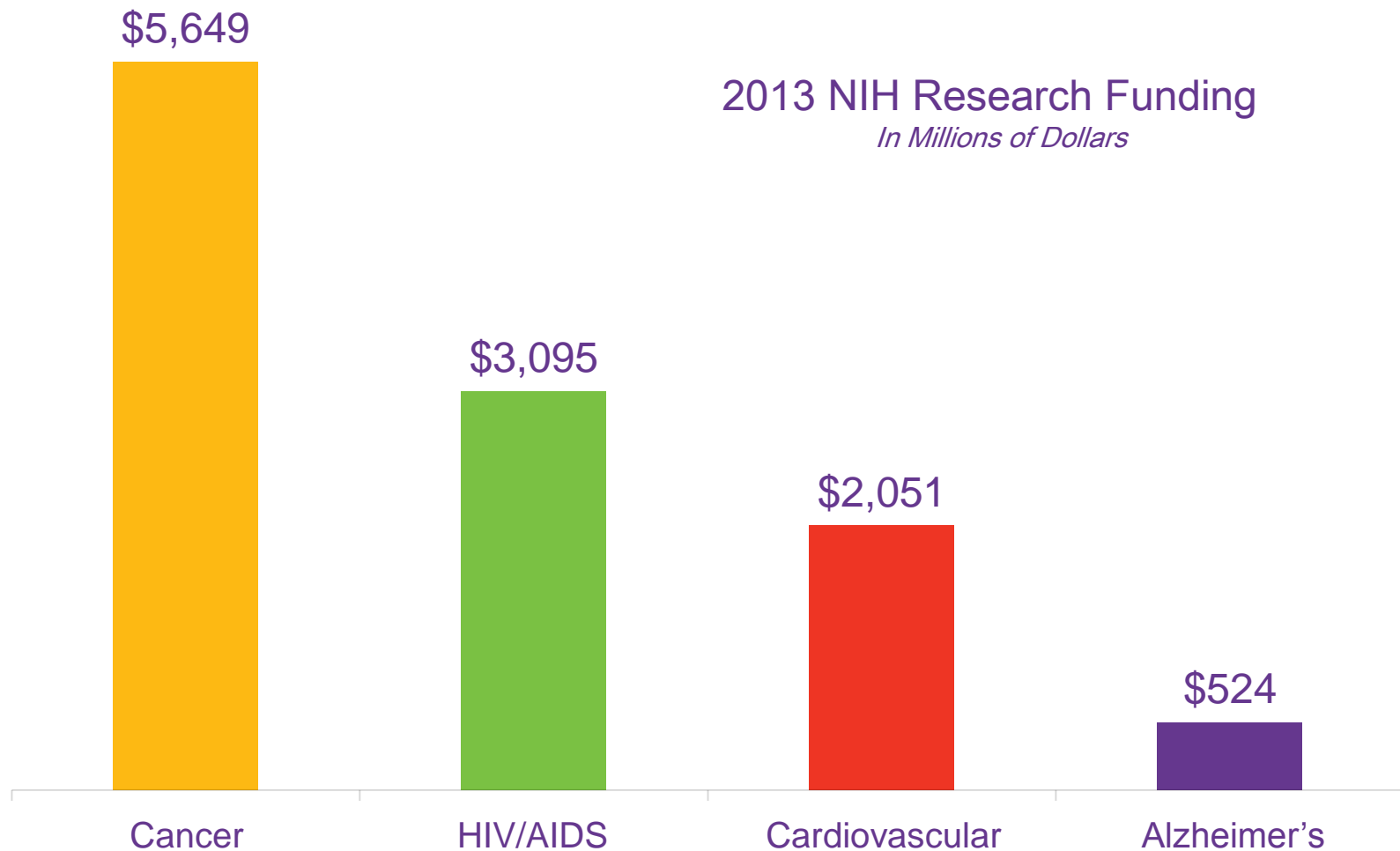


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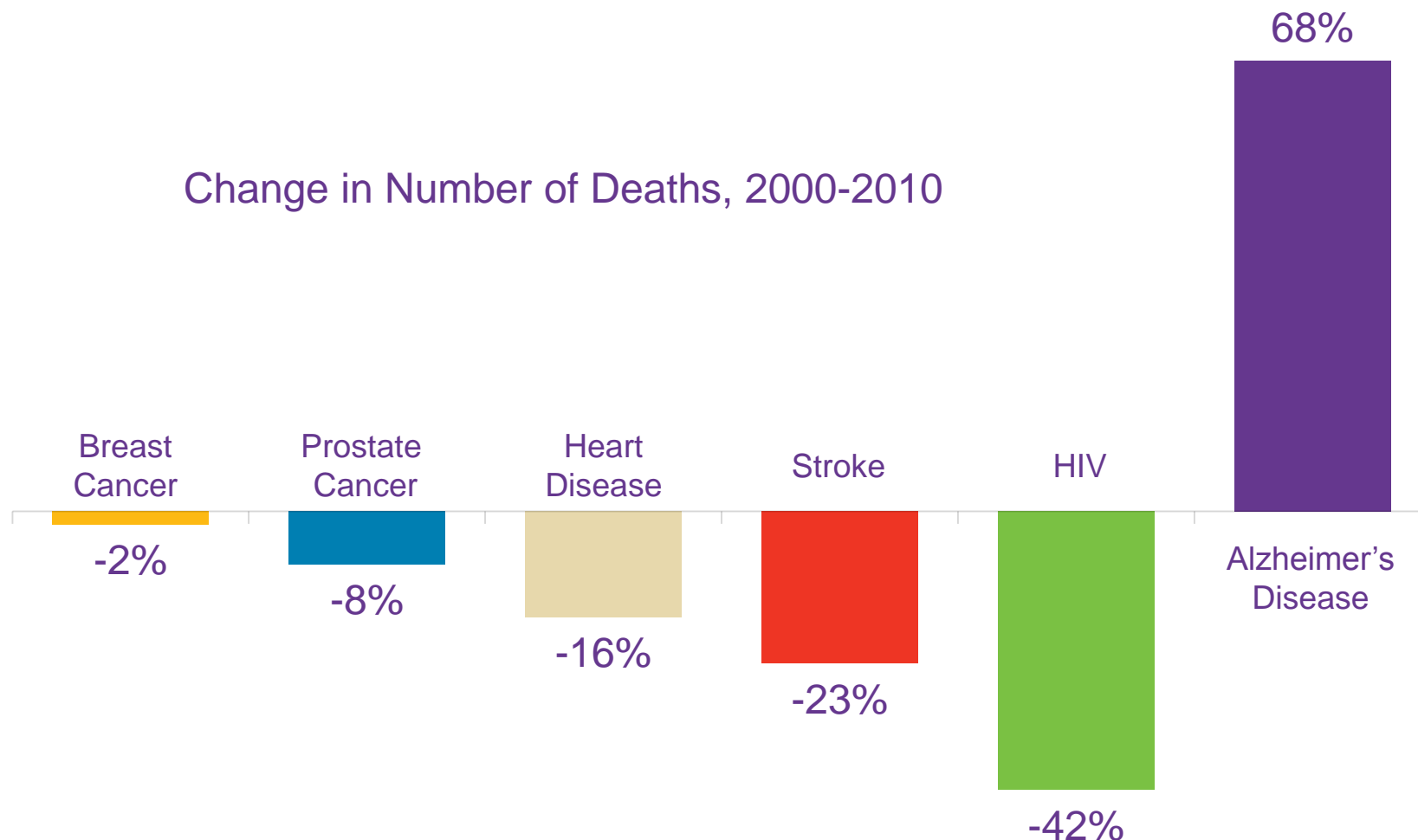
# \$100 on Research vs. \$27,000 on Care



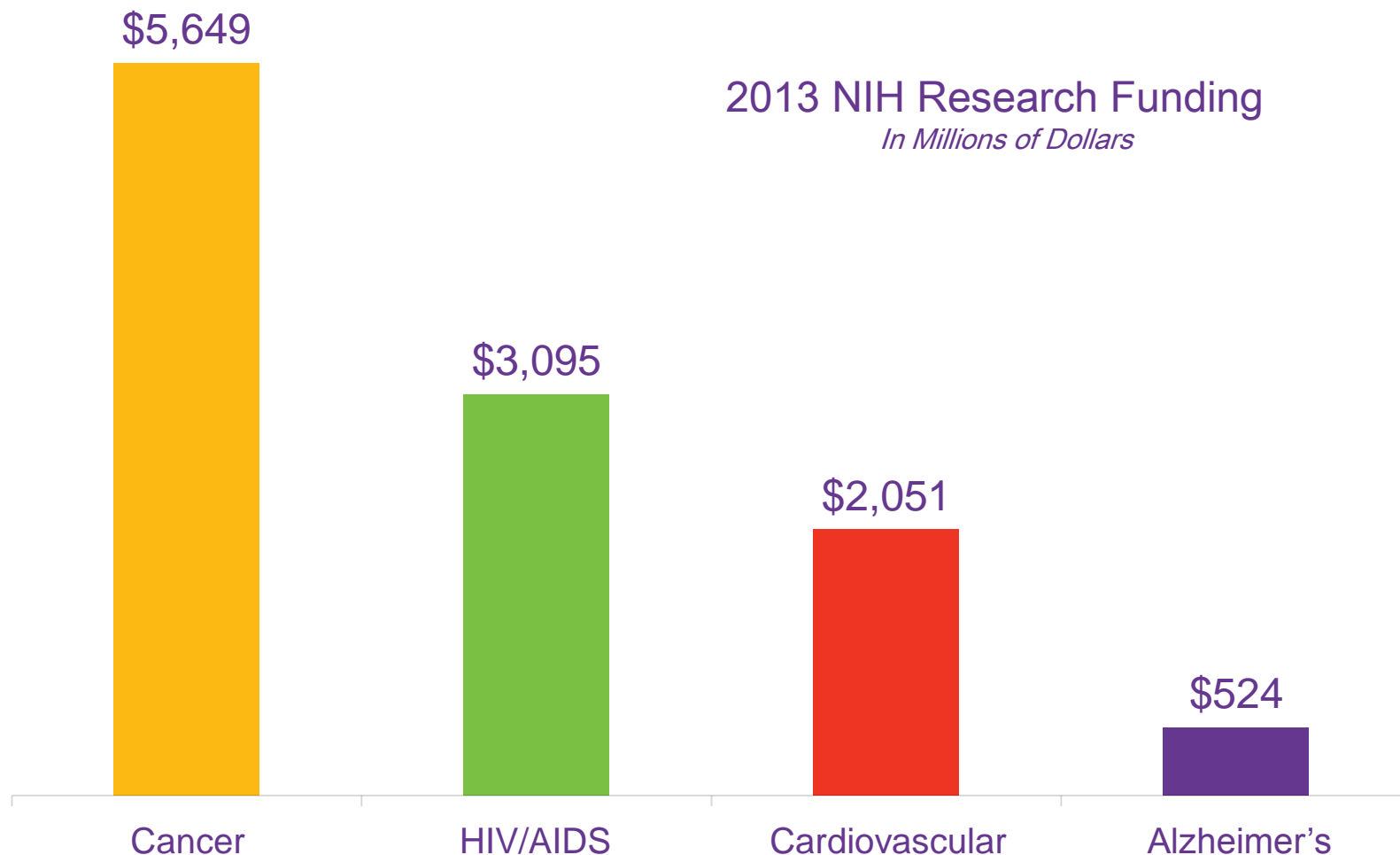
# Commitment by the Government Works



# Progress Has Been Made on Other Diseases



# Commitment by the Government Works





## Utah's State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias

Action Plan for 2012-2017



50 thousand Utah  
citizens affected

50

nation's highest  
growth rate 127%

127

132 thousand  
family caregivers

132

80% of dementia  
patients live at home

80

prevalence is nearly  
2 times greater among  
older minorities

2x

\$1.8 billion of unpaid  
caregiving in Utah

1.8

## Summary of Goals

1. Dementia-aware Utah
2. Health & Dignity for All with Dementia and Those at Risk
3. Supported and Empowered Family Caregivers
4. A Dementia-competent Workforce
5. Expanded Research in Utah

93 specific strategies

# HB 175

1. Raises Alzheimer's disease and related dementia to be a public health issue
2. Specifically assigns the State Department of Health as primarily responsible to implement the Utah State Plan and to coordinate with other State Departments as necessary
3. Allocated ongoing funding for the DOH for 1 FTE and to begin a public awareness campaign



*67% of all medical expenses for  
Alzheimer's and dementia patients are paid from  
State and Federal Medicare and Medicaid dollars*

*If you pay taxes, then the burden of  
Alzheimer's disease rests on your shoulders*

**Alzheimer's disease matters to everyone!**

## **Why does Alzheimer's disease matter to you?**

**1 in 9 of you will have the disease at age 65**

**1 in 3 will have Alzheimer's at age 85**

**Half of you will be a caregiver for someone with dementia**

# Alzheimer's Association Core Services

- Information and Referral
- Care Consultation

**24/7 Helpline**  
**800-272-3900**

**[www.alz.org/utah](http://www.alz.org/utah)**





# Alzheimer's Association Core Services

- Education

- Community presentations
- E-Learning workshops
- essentiALZ professional certification

- Safety Services

- MedicAlert® + Alzheimer's Association Safe Return®
- Comfort Zone® and Comfort Zone Check-In®

- Support Groups

- Caregiver
- Early Stage
- Telephone

- Early Stage Engagement



**QUESTIONS**



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